

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. All pending claims stand rejected in the Office Action dated August 23, 2007. Specifically, claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by US Patent No. 6,850,226 to Finke-Anlauff (the "'226 patent"). Claim 20 is objected to. Applicant submits that pending claims 1-20 are not anticipated by the '226 patent. Claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 15 to overcome the Examiner's objection. Dependent claims 21-23 have been added to recite elements that were formerly claimed in independent claims 1, 8 and 15, respectively. Applicant submits that pending claims 1-23 are not anticipated by the '226 patent.

The '226 patent discloses changing a display direction of a display section in accordance with the transition from a closed state to an opened state. For example, the '226 patent explains: "The display may be graphically rotated through 90° on screen panel 2 for reading in a transverse direction or a longitudinal direction, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 3 respectively. The display orientation on screen 2 is accomplished either manually, by a switch, or automatically by instructions from the control microprocessor of the device. In the later instance, the desired orientation could be determined by the operation of software associated with a particular function or by a sensor 39 which indicates the screen panel position. The sliding operation of the screen panel 2 is arranged to trigger the display 6 to rotate to the longitudinal orientation." '266 patent, Col. 3, lines 29-40. However, the '226 patent does not disclose a control section that controls the display of a display screen image corresponding to a specific item on the display section when the portable terminal unit is brought into the opened state after selecting the specific item from a plurality of items shown in a selecting screen in the closed state, as recited in independent claims 1, 8 and 15. For example, Applicant's specification explain, in part:

[0074] Even when a function, which does not require the operation conducted by the main operation section 16, is selected from various selecting screen in the closed state, the selected function can be raised either by pushing the three way lever key 44 or by opening the first housing 32 and the second housing 34. For example, in a closed state where the first function selecting screen 72 shown in FIG. 7 is displayed on the display screen 12 and E-mail function is "selected" by pushing the three way lever key 44 toward center as shown by an arrow "1" in FIG. 11, the E-mail function shown in FIG. 9 can be displayed, and the E-mail function can be activated.

[0075] In a closed state, where the first function selecting screen 72 shown in FIG. 7 is displayed on the display screen 12 and the E-mail function is "selected" and the first housing 32 and the second housing 34 are opened as shown by an arrow "m" in FIG. 11, the state detecting means 64 detects this operation, and the E-mail function shown in FIG. 9 is displayed on the display screen 12 in the opened state. The use of the E-mail function can be successively conducted.

[0076] This operation is conducted in the same manner where the E-mail function shown in FIG. 9 is displayed on the display screen 12 in the closed state and the mail receiving box or the mail sending box item is selected where the memorandum book function shown in FIG. 10 is displayed on the display screen 12 and the reading item is selected.

[0077] Accordingly, in the case where the function of either item selected is raised on each selecting screen in the closed state, irrespective of whether or not the operation of utilizing the function can be conducted only by the main operation section 16, the function can be raised by the operation of the three way lever key 44 or the opening action of the mobile telephone 30.

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Failing to disclose expressly or inherently this aspect of claims 1, 8 and 15, those claims cannot be anticipated by the '266 patent. All claims dependent on claims 1, 8 and 15 are similarly not anticipated by the '266 patent.


For the foregoing reason, Applicant respectfully submits all the pending claims are now allowable over the cited prior art.

Finally, the Examiner has objected to the title of the invention. Applicant proposes that the title be amended to read "**A portable Terminal Device.**" If acceptable to the Examiner, Applicant requests that this amendment to the title be entered.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the present amendment. However, should any fees or extensions be necessary, payment of the appropriate amount and/or granting of the appropriate extension is requested, and the Commissioner is directed to debit our deposit account, Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 848075/0061, for the amounts required.

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